

MEDIA RELEASE

DUI Round-Up 28 Arrests in May 2013

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In May 2013 officers from the Santa Barbara Police Department made 28 arrests for driving under the influence violations. Numerous arrests are made each month when concerned citizens call 9-1-1 after witnessing possible DUI drivers. The SBPD would like to thank the responsible citizens who take the time to call and report suspected drunk drivers. The following is information on a few of those cases.

5/2/13 at 11:15 p.m.: Zosimo Rios-Juan (age 32) was a suspect in a domestic violence incident. While officers were investigating that crime Rios-Juan returned to his residence, was observed driving, and was found to be displaying objective symptoms of intoxication. Officer Kamin initiated a DUI investigation on Rios-Juan who initially stated that he had consumed five beers prior to driving, but then later stated that he only had four. Officer Kamin determined that Rios-Juan was too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle and placed him under arrest for DUI. He also discovered that Rios-Juan was an unlicensed driver. Rios-Juan chose to submit to a breath test which registered his BAC at .18 and .18. Rios-Juan was booked at County Jail for felony domestic battery, DUI, and unlicensed driver.

5/3/13 at 9:05 p.m.: Thomas Michael Drennan (age 56) was observed driving into a DUI checkpoint on the 400 block of Garden Street, stopping in the roadway despite an absence of traffic, and then abruptly turning into a private residential driveway. Officer A. Hill saw Drennan sit in his car for several minutes without exiting. Concerned that Drennan was attempting to avoid the checkpoint, Officer Hill contacted him. Drennan stated that he did not live at the residence where he had parked and did not know anyone there. He also admitted that he did not have a valid driver's license. Officer Hill smelled a strong odor of alcohol coming from Drennan and conducted a DUI investigation. Drennan said that he had consumed two beers at Derf's restaurant prior to driving. Officer Hill determined that Drennan was too impaired to safely operate a motor vehicle and placed him under arrest for DUI. Drennan submitted to a breath test which registered his BAC at .18 and .17. Drennan's vehicle was placed in storage and he was issued a citation for DUI and unlicensed driver.

5/4/13 at 2:04 a.m.: Juan Carlos Rivera (age 21) was involved in a hit-and-run traffic collision at the intersection of State Street and Yanonali Street. Rivera ran a red light and collided with another vehicle that was traveling through the intersection, causing major damage to both vehicles. Rivera fled the scene and was located by police several blocks away attempting to push his car out of the roadway. Officer Klacking conducted a DUI investigation during which Rivera acknowledged that he had consumed too much alcohol. Officer Klacking determined that Rivera was too intoxicated to safely operate a motor

vehicle and placed him under arrest for DUI. Rivera submitted to a blood test which registered his BAC at .21. Rivera was issued a citation for DUI and hit-and-run and admitted into the Sobering Center.

5/5/13 at 1:54 a.m.: Brittany Pauline Black (age 23) was involved in a collision when she struck a light pole on the sidewalk on the first block of W. Gutierrez Street. Sergeant Brown was within a block of the collision when he heard it and then saw Black's vehicle on the north sidewalk against the light pole. Sergeant Brown contacted Black and immediately noticed objective symptoms of intoxication. He asked Black how much alcohol she had consumed, however she stated that she had not had any. Officer D. McGrew arrived and conducted a DUI investigation, during which Black stated she had consumed one beer while at work. At the conclusion of the investigation Officer McGrew placed Black under arrest for DUI. She chose to submit to a blood test which registered her BAC at .26. Black was issued a citation for DUI and admitted into the Sobering Center.

5/18/13 at 10:13 p.m.: Charles Demangeat (age 61) was observed staggering through City Lot 10. Several witnesses flagged down a city employee out of concern and the city employee called 9-1-1. Demangeat was able to make it to his vehicle and attempted to drive out of the city lot when Officer Cardana arrived and contacted him. Officer Cardana conducted a DUI investigation and Demangeat stated that he had consumed one beer and half a glass of wine. Officer Cardana arrested Demangeat for DUI; he chose to submit to a blood test which his BAC registered .16. Demangeat was issued a citation for DUI and admitted into the Sobering Center.

5/26/13 at 12:20 p.m.: Vicente Magana Zavala (age 49) was observed driving on the 2300 block of De La Vina Street with a broken tail lamp by Sergeant Jensen. Sergeant Jensen initiated a traffic stop and contacted Zavala who appeared heavily intoxicated. Officer Ragsdale and Officer Aijian responded and conducted a DUI investigation. Zavala stated that he had consumed "only one twenty-four ounce beer." Zavala was asked to perform field sobriety tests; however he refused to complete several of them stating that he had sprained ankles. Officer Ragsdale determined that Zavala was too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle and placed him under arrest for DUI. Zavala submitted to a breath test which registered his BAC at .31 and .29. Zavala was issued a citation for DUI and released from the Police Station.

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